

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~An ~~embolic~~ composition, comprising:
a first collection of embolic particles having a first shape; and
a second collection of embolic particles having a second shape different than the first shape, wherein the first shape and the second shape are interlocking shapes.
2. (Original) The composition of claim 1, wherein the first shape is substantially free of a concave region.
3. (Withdrawn) The composition of claim 2, wherein the first shape is substantially spherical.
4. (Withdrawn) The composition of claim 1, wherein the second shape is flake-like.
5. (Withdrawn) The composition of claim 1, wherein the second shape is strand-like.
6. (Original) The composition of claim 1, wherein the second shape includes a generally convex region.
7. (Withdrawn) The composition of claim 1, wherein the second shape comprises a fibrous element extending from a base.

8. (Original) The composition of claim 1, wherein the particles in the first collection and the particles in the second collection have different compositions.

9-13. (Cancelled).

14. (Original) The composition of claim 1, wherein the particles of at least one of the collections comprise a radiopaque material.

15. (Cancelled).

16. (Original) The composition of claim 1, wherein the particles of at least one of the collections comprises a shape memory material and a non-shape memory material.

17. (Withdrawn) The composition of claim 1, wherein the particles of the first collection is spherical, and the particles of the second collection are non-spherical.

18. (Original) The composition of claim 1, wherein the particles of the first and second collections have different hardness.

19. (Original) The composition of claim 1, wherein the particles of at least one of the collections comprise a material capable of increasing in volume upon exposure to a predetermined stimulus.

20. (Original) The composition of claim 19, wherein the material comprises a hydrogel.

21. (Original) The composition of claim 1, wherein the particles in the first collection and the particles in the second collection have different sizes.

22. (Original) The composition of claim 21, wherein the size of the particles of at least one of the collections is about 1,200 microns or less.

23. (Original) The composition of claim 1, wherein the first and second collections are configured to engage with each other.

24. (Original) The composition of claim 1, wherein the first collection comprises particles comprising a shape memory material.

25-31. (Cancelled)

32. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 1, wherein the particles of at least one of the collections comprise a portion capable of dissolving in a body.

Please enter the following new claims.

33.(New) The composition of claim 1, wherein the composition comprises at least a portion of the first collection of embolic particles separated from the second collection of embolic particles.

34. (New) The composition of claim 1, wherein the embolic particles of the first collection of embolic particles have an aspect ratio greater than one.